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In re Application of	:	
Fletcher et al.	:	
Application No. 09/732,838	:	ON PETITION
Filed: December 8, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. P-5093	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed July 8, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee and publication fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 28, 2005, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 29, 2005.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The three-month statutory period for reply to the Notice of Allowance cannot be extended. Accordingly, since the \$120.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on July 8, 2005, is unnecessary, it will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

This matter is being referred to the Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3282.

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